

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A printer driver, provided at a host computer while said host computer is connected to a stencil printing machine through communications, for setting items of various printing conditions for said stencil printing machine including a number of copies to be printed,

wherein the various setting items for said printing conditions are displayed;

if the printer driver determines that a watermark print item is selected on the setting items, the printer driver automatically selects a secret operation item, said secret operation item instructing said stencil printing machine to remove a used stencil sheet from a print drum and dispose of said used stencil sheet after said number of copies have been printed ~~for allowing said stencil printing machine to execute a secret keeping operation for print data;~~ and

information on the items are transmitted, together with the print data, to the stencil printing machine.

2. (Currently Amended) A printer driver, provided at a host computer while said host computer is connected to a stencil printing machine through communications, for setting items of various printing conditions for said stencil printing machine including a number of copies to be printed,

wherein the various setting items for said printing conditions are displayed;

if a watermark print item is selected on the setting items, a selection screen of a secret operation item for allowing said stencil printing machine to execute a secret keeping operation for print data secret is displayed;

the items are made selectable;

if the printer driver determines that said secret operation item is selected, the printer driver automatically selects a secret keeping operation for print data, said secret keeping operation instructing said stencil printing machine to remove a used stencil sheet from a print drum and dispose of said used stencil sheet after said number of copies have been printed; and

information on the selected items are transmitted, together with the print data, to the stencil printing machine.